

It Doesn't Take Much of a Hole In a Dam To Let Out All the Water and Character Will Escape Through a Small Leak In Honor Likewise

FRENCH MARINES TO HELP RESTORE ORDER IN HAITI

Five Hundred from Cruiser Descartes Land at Port-au-Prince

UNITED STATES GIVES CONSENT

Battleship Connecticut with 500 Marines on the Way, Hospital Ship and Transport Will Follow.

Washington, Aug. 2.—With the consent of the United States, French marines have been landed at Port-au-Prince, Hayti, where last week's revolution overturned the government and necessitated the landing of an expeditionary force from the United States cruiser Washington to restore order. A detachment from the cruiser Descartes is now guarding the French legation from which President Guillaume was taken by a mob and assassinated.

Port-au-Prince was reported quiet yesterday. The battleship Connecticut with 500 additional marines is now on the way to the island republic and will be followed by the hospital ship Solace and the navy transport Hancock. Other vessels may be sent if there are any more attacks upon the city by revolutionists such as that in which two American bluejackets were killed. The expeditionary force is expected to remain in Hayti until lasting peace is restored.

TEST SPELLING ABILITY

Dr. Ayres Makes Curious Discoveries with Hundred Most Common Words

Washington, July 28.—Seven out of every 100 third grade public school children can not spell "has". This and other curious evidences of the special problems inherent in the

teaching of spelling are thought out by Dr. Leonard P. Ayres, of the Russell Sage Foundation in a study just published.

As a result of combining the four most extensive studies that have made it possible to identify the words commonly used in different sorts of English, Dr. Ayres has selected the 1,000 words that constitute 90 per cent of the language ordinarily used. This selection was made from various English authors from four Sunday newspapers of Buffalo, N. Y., and from the business and family correspondence of over 2,000 adults. The objects of the study was to "develop a scale for measuring attainment in the spelling of common words on the part of school children."

Co-operating with the city superintendents in 84 cities of the United States, Doctor Ayres had the 1,000 commonest words tested by an aggregate of 1,400,000 spellings, secured from the 79,900 public school children. The result, according to Doctor Ayres, made it possible to accurately measure spelling ability, and to compute the amount of improvement in spelling the same words from grade to grade.

By a scale arrangement, extending on a line from 0 to 100, "spelling ability" is easily and scientifically determined. For example, nine words of most frequent use, viz. "the," "in," "so," "no," "now," "man," "ten," "bed," "top," revealed that second-grade pupils on an average spelled correctly 94 per cent of these words. At the other extreme of the scale the words "judgment," "recommend," and "college" were found to be spelled correctly by just 50 per cent of eighth grade pupils. Percentages above and below these would indicate variations from the normal in spelling.

Doctor Ayres finds that "intellectual abilities are distributed in much the same way among people as are physical traits. Just as there are few dwarfs, many people of medium height, and very few giants; so there are very few exceedingly poor spellers, many medium ones, and very few excellent ones. Few words do most of our work when we write. Fifty words constitute, with their repetitions, one-half of the words written. The child who masters the 1,000 words on the scale given will make no spelling errors in nine-tenths of his writing."

MORE BERKSHIRE COWS DIE

Mysterious Disease Has Killed Seven Valuable Animals.

Berkshire, July 26.—The registered bull on the Linus Leavens farm was killed last night, as they were unable to save him by doctoring. He was valued at about \$250. The second cow of Joseph Playfull also had to be killed. This makes seven head of stock lost on the three places four of them thoroughbreds, through some mysterious cause. No more as yet show any signs of the disease.

LOW PRICED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE—Large Persian rug 4 post bedstead, chest of drawers, chairs, book case, pictures, etc., at Mrs. A. A. Sprague, 401 N. St.

FOR SALE—One Ford Roadster this car would make a good truck and will be sold at a very low figure. Bennington Garage, 210 N. St.

FOR SALE—Pigs for sale. Inquire Walbridge, Bennington, 210 N. St.

FOR SALE—A small place of about 12 acres, consists of 2 barns, hog house, granary, 8 room house, nice spring water, good gravel, bank, 2 A. C. road, nice sand. Price \$2,000. Just out of village of North Bennington on trail line. Inquire Chicken Coop Inn, North Bennington, 210 N. St.

FOR SALE—Garden truck and fruit farm. 12 acres, rich soil, good 8 room house with running water, cow barn, wagon shed, horse barn, poultry house, 200 ft. well, fruit on State road, 3 minutes walk from station. Price \$2,000. Cash, balance on mortgage at 5 per cent. Nash & Hutchins, 210 N. St.

FOR SALE—Farm of 100 acres, good rich strong soil, city water and toilet, fruit, wagon shed, wood lot, with abundance of fire wood, orchard of 50 trees. This farm is just out of the gate road, 4 miles from Bennington. Price \$7,000. Nash & Hutchins, 210 N. St.

FOR SALE—Two on Elm street, very desirable. Large lot on East Main street, very desirable. Several houses and farms. Two houses formerly owned by F. B. Adams, now owned by Grant Street. Farm of 120 acres, 1 mile of Arlington Depot. Gen. Ins. Agt. H. N. Williams, Tel. 123 W.

FOR SALE—Modern 5 room house, six to eight, paved city water and toilet, fruit, erty in the repair, located in good residential section, 5 minutes from Main St. and trolley. Price \$1,300. Nash & Hutchins, 210 N. St.

FOR SALE—One four cylinder five passenger 18 horse power, latest touring car. This car is in excellent condition and will be sold at a very low figure. E. W. Williams, The Bennington Garage, 210 N. St.

FOR SALE—The large brick dwelling on Pleasant St. in the village of Bennington, formerly occupied by the late Anna C. Park. This house has spacious grounds and contains fourteen large rooms, kitchen, pantry, bath room, large wood shed and four room cellar. It is equipped with all modern improvements. This place, which is one of the most desirable in Bennington, will be sold at a very reasonable price. Apply to H. H. Webster, R. R. Healy or Edward J. Hall, Bennington, 481

FOR SALE—The Worthington homestead in North Bennington, Vt., consisting of 2 story house, porch across entire front and part of each side, hot air furnace, Kenwood water system, bath room and acetylene gas plant. Large, roomy barn, satisfactory garage, cement walks, new lawn, gravel driveway, also garden. Lot has frontage of over 100 feet. An ideal place for anyone desiring a home with all modern improvements. Will be sold reasonably. Inquire of R. A. Jones, First National Bank, or of Mrs. W. R. Worthington, on premises, North Bennington, Vt. 501

FOR SALE—Broilers, roasting chickens and fowl, dressed to order and delivered. Also fresh eggs. Mountain View Poultry Farm, Tel. 175 W.

How to Keep Well

Keep the liver active and the bowels regular by using Baxter's Mandrake Bitters. It is a safe remedy for constipation, biliousness, malaria, sick-headache, loss of appetite, dizziness, general debility. Sold every where, liquid or tablets, 25 cents.

MISCELLANEOUS

LOST—July 11, child's gold bracelet, be worn in Park St. and Soldier's home, in suit M. L. G., return to 211 Park St. See also Bennington, 411

SENIOR MACHINES—When out of order write the persons of any one, take advantage of my work and have it thoroughly repaired. Supplies from stock. Get a notice from Bennington, Alexander Hall, 121 Pleasant St., Bennington, Vt. 410

RUSSIAN RETREAT FROM WARSAW THREATENED

News of City's Downfall Expected at Any Time

GERMANS PASS THROUGH CHELM

Kaiser's Staff Hopes to Not Only to Take City But to Crush Army.

London, Monday, Aug. 2.—The anniversary of the outbreak of the war passed without the Germans' occupying Warsaw, which was understood to be part of their program. However, news of this climax to the Austro-German offensive in the east, which was begun in the early days of May, is hourly expected from what little information is allowed to leak through to the effect that the Russians for several days have been withdrawing from the Brest-Litovsk line, leaving small forces to fight rear-guard actions, so that the main armies might make good their retreat.

In the southeast, Field Marshal von Mackensen continues his victorious advance. He has swept aside the resistance of the Russians and forced them to retreat along both banks of the Bug. The Germans have already passed through Chelm in pursuit. Thus on this front the retirement of the Warsaw armies is seriously threatened. It is not yet certain whether the Russian armies can make good their retirement from Warsaw. Certainly the Austro-Germans are doing their best to prevent it, and have moved up very strong reinforcements to hasten their crushing movement. The appearance of fresh troops also suggests that the German staff will not be satisfied with the capture of the city, or even the destruction of part of the Russian army, but should this be accomplished, will attack the Brest line and endeavor finally to crush the entire Russian force.

The German and Austro-Hungarian armies, according to Berlin and Vienna official bulletins, captured in July an aggregate of 230,000 Russians, 67 cannon, and 558 machine guns.

MURDER PLATE REMOVED

New York Police Tell Mrs. Becker That Inscription Is Criminal Libel

New York, Aug. 2.—The police announced last night, had removed from the coffin of Charles Becker the silver plate placed there by his widow on which was inscribed the charge that the former police lieutenant, electrocuted at Sing Sing prison Friday, was "murdered by Gov. Whitman." After a police conference attended by representatives of the district attorney's office, Inspector Joseph Faurst, the announcement said, went to the Becker home and informed Mrs. Becker that the inscription was a criminal libel on the governor and prevailed upon her to permit its removal.

At the rectory of the church at which the funeral services for Becker will be held today it was stated last night that the coffin would not be received unless the plate in its present form was removed.

The last barrier was broken a short time since in the Catskill aqueduct tube, which is shortly to furnish New York city with pure water. The tunnel is the longest of its kind in the world, having a length of 111 miles. For the most of this distance the tunnel is 500 feet under ground, while in some places it dips 700 feet. The building of the tunnel will cost complete \$100,000,000 and has involved the sacrificing of 200 lives. It has been nine years in the building and when in operation will supply 500,000,000 gallons of water daily. The diameter of the tunnel varies from eleven to eighteen feet.

Kaffir corn, which is a native of South Africa and takes its name from the tribe from which it was secured, was introduced into this country some thirty-five years ago by the federal department of agriculture. It was experimented with first in southern states and later introduced into the extreme south and west. Today it is quite extensively grown in western Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas, where there is limited rainfall. The Kaffir corn is hardy, drought resistant and will yield a good crop in sections that are too dry for corn. The grain has the general appearance of sugar cane, the seed being borne at the top of the plant instead of lower down, as with our native corn.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

William H. Andrews visited in Pittsfield Sunday.

Mrs. Mary E. Healey passed Sunday at Lake Pontcharic.

John Kane of Albany is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Spear.

A. J. Holden and family have returned from San Francisco.

Miss Bertha Levin has returned from a visit in New York.

George Van Santvoord passed the week end in Hanover, N. H.

Mrs. Libbie Smith, who has been visiting in New York, has returned home.

A regular meeting of Bennington Aerie, F. O. E., will be held Tuesday evening.

Joseph Lee of North street is visiting his cousin, Joseph Keefe of South Bennington.

Miss Mildred Farnum is on a vacation from her duties at the Woolworth store.

Charles M. Perrett of New York passed the week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Walker.

Miss Cecelia and Miss Blanche LaFranchise are visiting at Lake Champlain and Burlington.

Miss Juliet Stanford of Old Bennington, who met with a painful injury last week, is recovering.

Mrs. Arthur Nevils of Park street and Mrs. John Green of Main street spent Sunday at Sand Springs.

Miss Sarah Flynn has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Patrick Shea of Eagle Bridge.

Miss Kathryn Shields of North Adams spent the week end as the guest of Mrs. Eliza Enright of Adams St.

During Chautauqua week Mrs. Waties will serve special dinners and lunches at the Daisy tea room. Adv.

Rev. Thornton F. Turner and son Mac left this morning for Ocean Beach, L. I., where they will spend a month.

Mrs. C. H. Robson of Depot street has returned from Pawlet where she was called by the death of her uncle.

The monthly official meeting of the Methodist church will be held this evening at 7:15 in the lower room of the church.

Howard A. James, treasurer of the incorporated village of Floral Park, N. Y., is visiting Rev. J. Elmer McKee of School street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pagan of Amherst, Mass., who are guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Spear, will leave this evening for New York.

Miss Florence Quinlan of Washington avenue and her guest, Miss Ethel Heffernan, left Sunday for a month's stay at Brant Lake, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frazer of Thomaston, Conn., who have been visiting Mrs. Frazer's father, Alonzo Rent, have returned home.

Lillian Walker, Vitagraph's dimpled beauty will be seen in her first Blue Ribbon feature at the opera house tomorrow "Hearts and the Highway." Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Piaget, Pater-son, N. J., who have been visiting Mrs. Isadora Woodward of North street for several weeks, left Saturday for a visit in Portland, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gatchell, who have been visiting at their former home in the northern part of the state, returned home Saturday evening and Mr. Gatchell has resumed his duties at the Ritchie store.

The Misses Agnes Enright, Maud Bennett, Harriet Manney, Agnes Stone, Kathryn and Margaret Toomey, Susie Robinson, Edelweiss Neilsen and guests Misses Pearl, June and Adeline Powell of New York enjoyed an outing Sunday at Lawrence Falls in the southeastern part of the town.

Clarence Earl Suydam and Ida Wheeler Bowles of this village were united in marriage at noon last Saturday by Rev. W. F. Meyer at the Baptist parsonage. The couple left shortly after the ceremony for a short honeymoon and on their return will reside in Bennington. The groom is employed here as a paper boxmaker. Both bride and bridegroom have a host of friends who wish them well in their married life.

THREE AMERICANS DEAD

Three Others Wounded on the Iberian.

London, Aug. 2.—A dispatch from Queenstown says that the official list of the dead of the British steamer Iberian, shelled by a German submarine, accounts for six men, three Americans and three Englishmen. The Americans were Mark Willys of Boston, John Carroll and Sheridan. The Englishmen were Proudfoot, Appleby and O'Keefe. The wounded Americans are Henry Welsh, Charles Hansbury and John Bradwell. The British wounded are James McGuigan, J. Berry and E. Bolton.

KILLED LEARNING TO RUN HIS NEW AUTOMOBILE

Orrin H. Ballou of Rutland Fatally Hurt Sunday Afternoon

CAR MADE THREE TURNS OVER

Crashed Through Fence and Rolled Down 50-Foot Ecbankment at West Rutland.

Rutland, Aug. 1.—Orrin H. Ballou of South Main street, prominent member and former leader of the Rutland City band, was killed this afternoon when a new automobile he had bought and which he was learning to drive crashed through a length of State road fence just west of West Rutland, and turning over three times, landed right side up 50 feet below the road.

The chauffeur, Roy Stetson, employed by the Frontier garage of this city, was badly injured, his head being cut in several places, but will probably recover. The machine was badly damaged.

Mr. Ballou remained in the car during the various flops taken by the machine, but he died as soon as he was moved to the bank over which the car plunged. He remarked to those nearby when the spill took place that he was fully to blame. There were no injuries on his body but his neck was broken when the weight of the car squeezed him against the steering gear.

Mr. Ballou bought the car last night and this afternoon he was on his way to Lake Umbagog, where his wife, son and daughter were in camp entertaining a number of college friends of the Ballou children.

Mr. Ballou has been employed at the Howe Scale Works for many years and he has done much orchestra work in this section. He leaves besides his wife, three children.

Mr. Ballou was born in Rome, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1865 and was one of the best known clarinet players in Vermont. The funeral will take place Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

LOCAL OVERFLOW

Miss L. Kennerston of Boston is at Wm. Clark's for a few weeks.

Bennington Grange will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday evening.

James Bennett of Providence, R. I., is spending a few days in town.

Miss Carolyn Clark is spending her school vacation at her home here.

Marshall Clark is at the home of his uncle, Jesse Miner in Hinsdale, Mass., for a month.

Edward Parlin of Adams, teacher of manual training in the Bennington schools, was in town today.

Miss Isabel Loneragan of North Adams is the guest of Miss Pauline Cornell at the Putnam house.

Mrs. Edith White has returned from a few days visit with her friend, Miss Ethel Brannock of Concord.

Mrs. Laura Townsend and son Harold and daughter, Mrs. Edna Cutler of Pittsfield visited Mrs. Fred Allen on Sunday.

Owing to a mix up in dates "The Broken Coin" will not be shown at the opera house today, but will be shown at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennon of Newark, N. J., and Miss Bessie Kennon, who have been in camp at Lake Umbagog, returned Sunday evening.

Mrs. Fordyce Jenkins and daughter Dorothy have returned to their home in Williamsburg, Mass., after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. S. C. Lyons.

News was received here today of the death at Southampton, Mass., of Mrs. Frank Tiffany, sr., a former resident, who passed away Sunday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Boyd. The funeral arrangements are not known here but the remains will be brought to Bennington for burial.

Well Up.

"Now, in the course of this play," said the manager, "you are expected to do several funny falls. How are you on falls?"

"I come next to Niagara," responded the other, with that confidence not unnecessary to a comedian of rank.—Puck.

By violence none have governed long. It is the firm but gentle rule that is lasting.—Seneca.

TWO CARS DAMAGED

Ford and Maxwell Come Together at North Bennington

A Ford touring car owned by Asa Niles of South Shaftsbury and a Maxwell car driven by Clark Loomis of South Shaftsbury came together near the electric car barn at North Bennington about 11:30 o'clock Saturday night. In the opinion of the garage men who were called to tow in the wrecked cars the accident was due to the tendency of both drivers to "crow the center" of the road.

The two cars came together head on and each suffered on the left hand side and to about the same extent. Each lost a wheel and had a guard pretty badly crumpled.

The Ford car was towed to the Putnam house garage by the automobile truck for repairs and the Maxwell agent at North Bennington, Warren M. Marshall, took charge of the other car.

Both cars are reported to have carried loads of passengers but fortunately no one was hurt.

RECOVERED STOLEN BICYCLE

Wheel Taken from H. S. Allard's Shop Found in Woodford.

The bicycle advertised in Friday's Evening Banner as found by John Lateranie of Woodford Hollow has turned out to be a wheel stolen from the shop of H. S. Allard on the night that La Tena's circus showed in Bennington.

As soon as he read the advertisement, Mr. Allard secured the services of a taxi and hurried to Woodford Hollow. He found Lateranie at the Woodford Hollow store and took the young man to his home where the bicycle was turned over to the owner.

Lateranie told Mr. Allard that he found the bicycle beside the road and that he thought it had been left there by some fisherman. Whoever took the wheel had made an effort to disguise it by scraping off the enamel and making other changes in its appearance.

The person who took the wheel effected an entrance into the shop through a rear window.

JUSTUS DART DEAD

Former State Superintendent of Education.

Springfield, Aug. 1.—Justus Dartt, formerly state superintendent of education and well known throughout Vermont, died at his home here this afternoon after a long illness.

He was born at Weathersfield, February 17, 1836, the son of Erastus and Rebecca Dartt and was a descendant of Richard Dartt, who came to New London, Ct., in 1687. A great uncle, Justus Dartt, was a colonel in the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Dartt attended the common schools and Wesleyan seminary of Springfield. He taught his first school in the winter of 1853-54 and since that time had followed the work of an educator.

In May, 1862 he was elected, under Maj. Charles Jarvis, as second lieutenant of company D, 9th regiment, and he was taken prisoner September 2, 1862, while in a hospital at Winchester, Vt. Owing to disability he resigned and was discharged at Chicago in November, 1862.

In 1874-78 Mr. Dartt was sent to the Legislature from Weatherfield and in 1882 he was a senator from Windsor county, acting as president pro tem of the Senate.

Mr. Dartt was elected state superintendent of education in 1880 and served four terms of two years each. For six years he was a trustee of the state agricultural college.

In 1889-90 Mr. Dartt served as superintendent of schools in the Conway district in Franklin county, Mass. At the time of his death he was commander of Jarvis Post, G. A. R., of this town. He was a deacon of the Congregational church for many years and also served as a trustee of the Soldiers home at Bennington for a long period. He was a republican and an active worker in his party.

On October 13, 1859, he married Abbie C. Knight, daughter of Aaron and Melinda Knight of Hancock, N. H. The funeral will probably be held Wednesday afternoon at the Congregational church.

ESTATE OF SARAH R. WHITE

STATE OF VERMONT. The Honor-able District Court of Bennington.

To all persons interested in the estate of Sarah R. White late of Bennington, in said District, deceased.

GRANTING: WHEREAS, said Court has assigned the 21st day of August next for examining and allowing the account of the executor of the estate of said dec'd and for a decree of the residue to the lawful claimants of the same, and ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested in said estate by publishing this order three weeks successively previous to the day assigned, in the Bennington Evening Banner, a newspaper published at Bennington in said District.

THEFORE, you are hereby notified to appear at the Probate Office in Bennington in said District, on the day assigned, then and there to contest the allowance of said account, if you are so interested, and establish your right as creditors and lawful claimants to said residue.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 16th day of July, 1915.

AMY H. HARRICO, Register.

OPEN CHAUTAUQUA WITH BIG CIVIC PARADE

Bennington Band and Fire Department Will Be In Line

MANY CHILDREN TO TAKE PART

Automobiles a Feature—All Paraders To Be Admitted Free to First Evening Session.

The Chautauqua will be opened this year with an evening parade, headed by the Bennington band and the fire companies. A novel feature will be a body of 300 or more marching children. The little girls will wear Chautauqua sashes and carry decorated parasols. The boys will wear Chautauqua hats and sashes furnished by the Chautauqua association.

The Boy Scouts, Campfire girls and the Y. M. C. A. boys will march in uniform. Thirteen state flags representing the states in which this Chautauqua holds its meetings, will be carried by boys. There will be a squad of decorated bicycles, and a squad of horseback riders.

The chief feature of the parade, however, will be a line of automobiles. Fifty or more cars are expected to be in line when the parade moves from the Putnam House square promptly at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening.

The parade will be marshalled in the Putnam House Square between 6:30 and 7 o'clock, and will move off promptly at 7 o'clock for the Chautauqua tent which will be located at Morgan Park. It is expected that between five and six hundred people will be in line. All automobile owners are invited to enter the parade and are requested to communicate with Secretary Banks at the Y. M. C. A. All paraders will be admitted to the first evening session of the Chautauqua free.

The Chautauqua will formally open tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when Dr. A. E. Turner will deliver the first of his "Town Building" lectures and the Dunbar Singing orchestra will render its first program. The evening program will consist of a second concert by the Dunbar orchestra, Chronophotographs in which you may see yourselves as others see you, and Father D. J. Cronin's great lecture, "The Weeds and Flowers of Literature."

Dr. Turner is known to a number of local people, and is expected to be a first rate lecturer and superintendent. Father Cronin is an Irishman who has been in this country but 13 years. The fun is on his tongue and the retort comes as ever at his lips. For rich humor and good sound counsel nothing on the entire week's program will quite equal this lecture by Father Cronin.

BODY SENT TO BURLINGTON

Autopsy for Infant's Remains Found in Benton's Pond.

The remains of the infant found in Benton's pond Saturday afternoon were sent in the evening to the state laboratory of hygiene at Burlington for the autopsy to determine whether or not the child was alive at the time it was thrown into the pond. The body was badly decomposed.

The body was found by two boys who were rowing a boat on the pond early in the afternoon. As soon as the boys realized the importance of their discovery, one of them hurried to the nearest telephone and called Selectman Frank Cromack. Mr. Cromack in turn telephoned Justice E. C. Bennett who made arrangements with Undertaker J. Ed. Walbridge to take charge of the remains.

The proceedings were carried out in such a manner that the discovery of the body was known to but few persons until after the remains had been taken to the Walbridge establishment.

Dr. Frank J. Hurley made a preliminary examination at the undertaking rooms and Justice Bennett informed State's Attorney Frank C. Archibald of the steps that had already been taken in the affair. Further investigation will be under the direction of the state's attorney.